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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A method for storing handwritten writings, said method comprising storing said handwritten writings on a piece of furniture, wherein said furniture comprises a member comprising a surface of a material used to construct said furniture that is configured to permanently receive said handwritten writings.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising preparing said member with markings to facilitate placement of said writings on said member.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising moving said member from a retracted position to an exposed position prior to storing said writings.
4. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 2~~ claim 3, wherein said member comprises a plank ~~or tablet~~.
5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said moving said member comprises sliding said plank ~~or tablet~~ to said exposed position.
6. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 2~~ claim 3, wherein said member comprises a drawer.

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7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said moving said member comprises sliding said drawer to said exposed position.
8. (original) The method of claim 3, further comprising protecting said writings with said piece of furniture when said member is in said retracted position.
9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said writings commemorate a specific time in history, person, or historical event.
10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said writings comprise a signature.
11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said writings comprise a date.
12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said writings comprise a carving, wood burning, etching, brush marks, imprint or stamp.
13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing memorabilia associated with said writings in a storage compartment in said piece of furniture.
14. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said markings comprise grooves.

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15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said writings are organized into parallel rows using said grooves as guides.

16-27. (cancelled)

28. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising specifically designating said member as being intended to receive said handwritten writings in materials presented with said furniture when said furniture is offered for sale and has not yet received said handwritten writings.

29. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said surface comprises a wooden surface.

30. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein said markings comprise a genealogical form.

31. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein said genealogical form comprises a family tree.

32. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein said genealogical form comprises a pedigree chart.